

Merchantville, NJ October 28, 2013

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, October 28, 2013. Mayor Frank North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

**ROLL CALL:** Council Present: Fields, Volkert, Grasso, Brennan and Sperrazza. Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins were present.

## **PUBLIC**

**Colleen Malone-16 Morris St**-Crosswalk at Maple and Morris during school hours is dangerous to cross, can we have more guards patrol?  
Parking on Maple Avenue-making a left from Morris is an issued no sign of vision to turn either way. Have engineer look at.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** none

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Live Stock Animal Ordinance Changes (Pig)-not necessarily interested in changing an ordinance for one person. May open the door for other requests for live animals (Brennan) exotic pet? Specific size and license of pigs. Micro mini pig-Vet certify type of pig.

**NJ Community Choice Aggregation**-Check state approved list and have on agenda for December meeting.

**Sign Ordinance changes**- committee has not met yet. Temp vs special events signs.

**Shared Services agreement with Pennsauken for vehicle repairs.** 1 year pricing/overtime mid-range mechanic

**Easement for 20 W Maple Avenue**-same objections that were presented to Planning Board, can the Borough approve the easement? Cannot see a reason that it would be a public safety issue. Around 1998 Post Office came in to request easement. Length of easement and cost issue is a concern. Liability wording in the resolution to be added.

## **Resolutions to be passed tonight**

On a motion of Mr. Sperrazza and second of Mrs. Fields, Council approved the following resolution:

### **R13-116**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE MERCHANTVILLE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER A CERTAIN PROPERTY AND AREA WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE IS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in the Master Plan, adopted by Resolution on November 13, 2007, the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville recognized that certain areas and properties within the Borough of Merchantville might qualify as “redevelopment areas” or “areas in need of redevelopment” as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to commence a course of action to investigate and determine whether a certain area and property within the Borough of Merchantville is in need of redevelopment, specifically Block 4, Lot 12 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Merchantville; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville recognizes that under New Jersey’s Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville must conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the aforementioned property and area is in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville now desire to authorize the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the aforementioned property and area within the Borough of Merchantville is in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville also request a recommendation from the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville as to the appropriateness of the inclusion of Block 4, Lot 12 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Merchantville into the “West Maple Avenue Redevelopment Area” of the Borough of Merchantville, as adopted by Resolution No. 10-76 of the Borough of Merchantville on July 12, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville also request a recommendation from the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville as to the appropriateness of the inclusion of Block 4, Lot 12 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Merchantville into the “West Maple Avenue Redevelopment Plan” of the Borough of Merchantville, as adopted by Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Borough of Merchantville on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville be and hereby is directed and authorized to undertake a preliminary investigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, to ascertain whether the property and area within the Borough specifically listed as Block 4, Lot 12 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Merchantville, qualify as an area in need of redevelopment within the Borough of Merchantville; and

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville shall make a recommendation as to the appropriateness of the inclusion of Block 4, Lot 12 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Merchantville into the “West Maple Avenue Redevelopment Area” of the Borough of Merchantville, as adopted by Resolution No. 10-76 of the Borough of Merchantville on July 12, 2010;

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville shall make a recommendation as to the appropriateness of the inclusion of Block 4, Lot 12 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Merchantville into the “West Maple Avenue Redevelopment Plan” of the Borough of Merchantville, as adopted by Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Borough of Merchantville on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010; and

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville is authorized to employ a professional planner licensed by the State of New Jersey to assist the Planning Board in undertaking any and all actions that may be necessary to accomplish the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Volkert, Council approved the following resolution:

**R13-117****RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING THE FEES FOR POLICE SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59-11.3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 59-11.3 of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville permits the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville to establish, by Resolution, the rates for extra duty assignments of its police personnel, equipment and administrative costs in providing such services; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wishes to establish, by this Resolution, the rates for extra duty assignments of its police personnel, equipment and administrative costs in providing such services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the rates for extra duty assignments of its police personnel, equipment and administrative costs in providing such services shall be as follows:

1. Police personnel - \$65.00 per hour.
2. Police vehicle – \$5.00 per hour.
3. Administrative costs – \$15.00 per hour.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the aforementioned fees shall take effect on November 1, 2013.

Resolutions for agenda-the following are business resolutions that will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

- Transfers
- Chapter 159 Special Items of Revenue
- Canceled Checks
- Property Maintenance
- Fleet Shared Services agreement with Pennsauken
- Implementation of Fair and Open for Professional Services

Ordinances for introduction

- Allow Live Stock Animals (Pig)

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Adoption

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Grasso, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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DENISE BROUSE  
BOROUGH CLERK